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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

1. INDIA'S 63-YEAR-OLD SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE, A.N. RAYN NARROWLY ESCAPED ASSASSINATION YESTERDAY WHEN AN UN-IDENTIFIED YOUNG MAN TOSSED TWO HAND GRENADES INTO HIS AUTO-MOBILE. THE GRENADES FAILED TO EXPLODE. THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S CAR HAD STOPPED AT A TRAFFIC LIGHT EN ROUTE HOME AFTER HIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED LATE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FROM THE SUPREME COURT. THE WOULD-BE ASSASSIN ESCAPED ON FOOT.

2. THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF INDIA'S CHIEF JUSTICE COMES LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF RAILWAY MINISTER L.N. MISHRA AND TWO DAYS AFTER A MAN WITH A LOADED PISTOL WAS SEIZED IN THE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT SHORTLY BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER WAS DUE TO MAKE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE (NEW DELHI 3868). SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN BOTH OF THESE CASES HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED AND ARE STILL BEING INTERROGATED.

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